



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE
As approved by the BCC on 11-28-06 and amended on 12-19-06**

TOP SIX LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

STATEWIDE ISSUES

Property Insurance Reform: SUPPORT legislation to resolve Florida's property insurance crisis and reduce property insurance rates for homeowners and other property owners.

Property Tax Relief: SUPPORT legislation that would provide property tax relief targeted to specific groups such as first-time homebuyers, renters, and empty nesters, provided that such relief does not unfairly shift the tax burden to other groups or unduly restrict the ability of local government to raise revenue.

Affordable Housing/Sadowski Cap Repeal: SUPPORT the repeal of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds.

COUNTY-SPECIFIC ISSUES

Jackson Health System indigent care: SUPPORT \$20,000,000 in recurring general revenue funding for Jackson Health System.

Miami River Federal Channel Dredging Project: SUPPORT a \$13,000,000 advance in funding to complete Miami River dredging.

Article V Revenue Streams: SUPPORT the extension of UMSA's share of state-funded municipal revenue sharing increases and the authority to impose a traffic infraction surcharge that will sunset in September 30, 2007 provided to Miami-Dade and Duval Counties as part of the Article V transition.



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CRITICAL PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

Home Rule and Preemption: SUPPORT the preservation of local home rule; and OPPOSE any effort to preempt local authority, including the ability to impose impact fees.

State Funding and Cost Shifts: SUPPORT the preservation of funding for important county programs; and OPPOSE any additional cost shifts from the state to the county, and any reduction in county revenue, revenue sharing, or funding from the state.

Property Tax Relief: SUPPORT legislation that would provide property tax relief targeted to specific groups such as first-time homebuyers, renters, and empty nesters, provided that such relief does not unfairly shift the tax burden to other groups or unduly restrict the ability of local government to raise revenue; MONITOR property tax relief legislation and ensure that the needs and interests of local governments are adequately taken into account in the formulation of property tax relief policy.

Revenue and Expenditure Caps: OPPOSE legislation that would impose revenue or expenditure caps on local governments.

Property Insurance Reform: SUPPORT legislation for improving competition and creating incentives for insurance policy writing in all markets; encouraging commercial as well as residential hazard mitigation; improving insurance agent underwriting practices; and reducing the reliance on Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. (Sorenson)

South Florida East Coast Corridor: SUPPORT legislation and funding for FDOT for the South Florida East Coast Corridor to integrate passenger and freight transport along the SFECC. (Heyman and Gimenez)

Seaport Tunnel: SUPPORT funding for FDOT for a tunnel to connect the Seaport and Watson Island for commercial vehicles. (Seaport)

Ordinance Violation Surcharge/Article V: SUPPORT extending authority to impose a \$15 surcharge on traffic infractions and criminal violations that will sunset in September 30, 2007 that was provided to Miami-Dade and Duval Counties to offset ordinance violation revenue provided to the Clerk of Courts as part of the Article V transition. (Heyman)

Municipal Revenue Sharing: SUPPORT removing the sunset in fiscal year 2008-09 of increases to municipal revenue sharing funds for Miami-Dade County based on its unique status as the only constitutional home rule charter county in Florida possessing the attributes of both a county and a city. (Heyman)

Water Reuse: SUPPORT legislation which would recognize reuse as a condition for the development of an Alternative Water Supply program. (WASD)

Rental Car Surcharge (bill): SUPPORT legislation to permit counties to impose by local option a surcharge on rental cars or similar dedicated funding source for public transportation.

Cable TV Franchising: OPPOSE any legislation that would preempt local governments from serving as the franchising authority for cable TV service providers or would limit local governments' ability to enact and enforce consumer protection laws related to cable TV service or to handle complaints from consumers. (Consumer Services)

311 Call Center (bill): SUPPORT legislation creating of a coordinated 311 non-emergency police and governmental services telephone system grant program. (CIO)

Sadowski Cap Repeal: SUPPORT the repeal of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds. (Housing, and Homeless Trust)

Permanent CWHIP: SUPPORT funding for a permanent Community Workforce Housing Innovative Program (CWHIP), instead of just a pilot program, and advocate for a more equitable funding formula. (Housing)

Residential Mortgage Fraud (bill): SUPPORT legislation to enact the Florida Residential Mortgage Fraud Act. (Police)

Waste Tire Fee: SUPPORT legislation to ensure that monies derived from the Waste Tire Fee is distributed to counties in proportion to the revenue generated in each county. (Solid Waste)

Lake Belt: OPPOSE legislation that would repeal or adversely amend the beneficial provisions contained in the 2006 legislation which relates to the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area. (WASD)

Baseball Stadium: SUPPORT a sales tax rebate or similar benefit related to the construction of a publicly-owned stadium for a major league baseball franchise in Miami-Dade County.



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CRITICAL PRIORITY APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Carnival Center for the Performing Arts	\$2,500,000
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PARK AND RECREATION

Hidden Treasures of Tropical America at MetroZoo	\$2,000,000
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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Miami River Federal Channel Dredging Project – shortfall advance	\$13,000,000
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HOMELESS TRUST

Jail Diversion Program Gap Funding for 11th Circuit Pilot Project	\$500,000
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HUMAN SERVICES

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High Risk Nutritional Meals Program for Seniors	\$821,250

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

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PUBLIC WORKS

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FIRE RESCUE

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LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

(items are arranged alphabetically by sponsor, and then prioritized)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Energy Net Metering: SUPPORT legislation for requiring utilities to have an Energy Net Metering Program for customer-generated electricity. (Sorenson)

Guardian Advocates: SUPPORT legislation to provide immunity from civil liability for health care decisions made by a Guardian Advocate on behalf of a patient. (Seijas)

Double Homestead Exemption: SUPPORT the adoption by the Florida Legislature of a joint resolution allowing cities and counties the local option to increase the ad valorem homestead exemption from \$25,000 to an amount not to exceed \$50,000. (Sosa)

UM/JHS Teaching Hospital Liability: SUPPORT the University of Miami and Jackson Health System (JHS) in legislation that will address the liability costs affecting the state's teaching hospitals and the University of Miami. (Sosa)

JHS Out-Of-County Patient Care Costs: SUPPORT legislation that allows county hospitals to recover the costs of providing patient care to out-of-county patients. (Sosa)

Mental Health Diversion Facility: SUPPORT funding for a mental health diversion facility that will provide mental health treatment and services to defendants with serious mental illnesses awaiting trial for misdemeanor and non-violent felony offenses.

Affordable Housing Doc Stamp: SUPPORT the extension of the sunset provision for the Miami-Dade County 45 cent affordable housing doc stamp surtax.

BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Fraudulent Builders: SUPPORT legislation that allows local government to address unlicensed contractor activity to mitigate the impact on innocent permit holders and property owners; and MONITOR legislation that affects individuals who have obtained contractor licenses through fraud, and subsequently obtain building permits for repairs, remodeling, or new construction. (BCCO)

Inactive Permits: SUPPORT legislation making State licensed Contractors responsible for inactive permits by allowing governmental agencies, which are responsible for code enforcement and building code issues, to issue State license Contractors citations on those inactive permits. (BCCO)

Product Approval Process: MONITOR state legislative activity regarding the statewide Product Approval Process and the Florida Building Code. (BCCO)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Architectural and Engineering: SUPPORT legislation to revise the upper limits for construction cost and activity study for continuing contracts for architectural and engineering services. (Office of Capital Improvements)

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

311 Call Center (bill): SUPPORT legislation for the creation of a coordinated 311 non-emergency police and governmental services telephone system grant program that will provide citizens with a consistent, single access point to local government services. (CIO)

CHILD ADVOCATE

Child Care Licensing (bill): SUPPORT legislation for broadening the state child care licensing standards to include a monitoring tool for collecting data on the developmental appropriateness of the activities provided to the children. (Child Advocate)

Universal Pre-K: SUPPORT legislation to increase funding for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK). (Child Advocate)

CONSUMER SERVICES

Vehicle Repair Shop: SUPPORT legislation to prevent a motor vehicle repair shop from charging an arbitrary amount for shop supplies and to provide consumers with more accurate accounting as to materials used to perform the repairs. (Consumer Services)

Tour Guides: SUPPORT legislation to delete Sec. 559.939, which preempts County governments from regulating tour guides as a seller of travel; or delete “tour-guide services” from the definition of “sellers of travel” under all sections of Chapter 559, which would allow County government to regulate the tour guides. (Consumer Services)

Ambulance Service: OPPOSE legislation that would supplant County issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and regulatory control over public and private ambulance service providers with a statewide or a municipal regulatory provision; and oppose legislation limiting the County’s review process when a municipality applies for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. (Consumer Services)

Price Gouging: SUPPORT legislation that would provide a specific evidentiary standard to define “price gouging.” (Consumer Services)

Used Car Lemon Law (bill): SUPPORT legislation to enact a “Used Automobile Warranties” law (Used Car Lemon Law). (Consumer Services)

Title Loans: SUPPORT legislation to delete the provision that excepts title loans from the provisions of Chapter 537, if the loan is made by a person licensed under Chapter 516. (Consumer Services)

Fair Lending Act (bill): SUPPORT legislation to amend Florida’s Fair Lending Act to authorize enforcement powers to political subdivisions; restrict abusive predatory lending practices; expand consumer protections, and strengthen enforcement of existing protections in current law by enhancing civil remedies and statutory penalties. (Consumer Services)

Pawnbrokering: SUPPORT legislation to amend Chapter 539.001 (20), to specifically allow political subdivisions of the state to enact laws more restrictive than the provisions in the Florida Pawnbrokering Act, Chapter 539. (Consumer Services)

Taxicab Lease Rates: SUPPORT legislation to clarify that Miami-Dade County may impose reasonable price controls on certain for-hire transportation lease rates, including taxicab lease rates, which for-hire taxicab chauffeurs pay to for-hire license owners and taxicab companies. (Consumer Services)

Passenger Transportation License Transfer: OPPOSE any legislation that which would weaken the County’s authority to approve or restrict transfers of taxicab, jitney, limousine, or other passenger vehicle for-hire licenses. (Consumer Services)

Cable TV Franchising: OPPOSE any legislation that would preempt local governments from serving as the franchising authority for cable TV service providers or would limit local governments’ ability to enact and enforce consumer protection laws related to cable TV service or to handle complaints from consumers. (Consumer Services)

Regulated Industries: MONITOR legislation that affects the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; towing; wrecker; vehicle immobilization; motor vehicle title loan, general consumer protection; for-hire transportation vehicles, including taxicabs, limousines and ambulance service. (Consumer Services)

CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

Weaver Act Tolling: SUPPORT legislation to allow departments to toll the time required to complete Internal Affairs investigations and related discipline (Weaver Act) when the departments are operating under emergency conditions. (Corrections and Rehabilitation, jointly with Police)

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Middle School Arts Credit: SUPPORT legislation to revise the middle school education requirements to include one full credit of study in one of the visual or performing arts. (Cultural Affairs)

Cultural Facilities Grants Process: SUPPORT the Department of State's annual review and the legislative appropriations process for cultural facilities and regional cultural facilities grants. (Cultural Affairs)

Cultural Affairs Programming Grants: SUPPORT increased funding for Cultural Affairs Programming Grants. (Cultural Affairs)

ELECTIONS

Early Voting Centers: SUPPORT legislation to allow Supervisors of Elections to use any site that is convenient and accessible for Early Voting and to determine operating hours. (Elections)

Absentee Ballot Canvassing: SUPPORT legislation to authorize the Canvassing Board to commence opening absentee ballots, but not tabulate them, on the Wednesday prior to Election Day. (Elections)

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Alternative Sand Beach: SUPPORT funding for the Miami-Dade County Alternative Sand Beach project, to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. (DERM)

Biscayne Bay Water Quality Assessment: SUPPORT funding for the Biscayne Bay Water Quality Assessment Model, to be administered by the South Florida Water Management District. (DERM)

Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality Monitoring: SUPPORT funding for the Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program, to be administered by the South Florida Water Management District. (DERM)

HEALTH

Department of Health Building Replacement: SUPPORT funding for the Florida Department of Health to replace the buildings used by the Miami-Dade County Health Department as clinics. (Health)

HOMELESS TRUST

Sadowski Cap Repeal: SUPPORT the repeal of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds. (Homeless Trust, and Housing)

HOUSING

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Permanent CWHIP: SUPPORT funding for a permanent Community Workforce Housing Innovative Program (CWHIP), instead of just a pilot program, and advocate for a more equitable funding formula. (Housing)

Florida Housing Finance Corporation: SUPPORT legislation and funding for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. (Housing)

Public Housing Agencies (bill): SUPPORT legislation to designate Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) as Public Sector Community Housing Management Specialists; to preserve affordable housing alternatives; and to monitor issues that affect PHAs. (Housing)

HUMAN SERVICES

Child Care/School Readiness: SUPPORT funding for Subsidized Child Care/School Readiness Services from the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI). (Human Services)

Community Care for the Elderly: SUPPORT increased statewide funding to augment the allocation of State of Florida, Department of Elder Affairs' Community Care for the Elderly funds to reduce the wait list in Miami-Dade County for in-home support services. (Human Services)

LIBRARY

State Aid to Libraries: SUPPORT increased funding for State Aid to Libraries. (Library)

PARKS AND RECREATION

FRDAP Grant Applications: SUPPORT legislation amending the application rules for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) to allow for any one entity to have more than three grants to be active/open at one time. (Park and Recreation)

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST (approved by PHT on 11-27-06)

Medicaid/Low Income Pool (LIP): SUPPORT reinstating Medicaid provider reimbursement rates to base levels from 2005-06 and continue funding those programs and services that ensure adequate health access for the poor and needy of the state; and SUPPORT maintaining current levels of funding in the LIP program, distributing funds based on the level of charity care and Medicaid volumes safety net hospitals provide as well as funding programs that benefit low income populations. (PHT)

Medicaid Reform: MONITOR the implementation and transition of Medicaid reform in both pilot counties of Broward and Duval as it relates to statewide implementation; and MONITOR the enrollment of Medicaid recipients into the South Florida Community Care Network PSN (Provider Service Network). (PHT)

Medical Liability: SUPPORT the efforts of the University of Miami and the Florida Statutory Teaching Hospital Council for the provision of medical liability protection for indigent care. (PHT)

Personal Injury Protection Insurance (PIP): SUPPORT reenacting PIP as well as enacting mandatory bodily injury liability insurance and mandatory medical coverage for emergency services and inpatient hospital services. (PHT)

Graduate Medical Education: SUPPORT efforts to better define the physician workforce shortage in Florida, gather data regarding Graduate Medical Education (GME) activities in Florida and develop funding recommendations for existing and potential new residency positions and programs. (PHT)

Transplant Reimbursements: SUPPORT the establishment of an equitable Medicaid reimbursement rate for organ transplants. (PHT)

PUBLIC WORKS

Venetian Causeway Replacement: Support funding for bridge replacement along the Venetian Causeway. (Public Works)

POLICE

Weaver Act Tolling: SUPPORT legislation to allow departments to toll the time required to complete Internal Affairs investigations and related discipline (Weaver Act) when the departments are operating under emergency conditions. (Police, jointly with Corrections and Rehabilitation)

Residential Mortgage Fraud (bill): SUPPORT legislation to enact the Florida Residential Mortgage Fraud Act. (Police)

SEAPORT

Seaport Tunnel: SUPPORT funding for FDOT for a tunnel to connect the Seaport and Watson Island for commercial vehicles. (Seaport)

Sunshine State Loans: SUPPORT continued funding of the Sunshine State Loan Program and the Florida Port Council's efforts in securing funding sources for Florida's seaports. (Seaport)

Seaport Security: MONITOR existing and/or new seaport security legislation, bills, rules, regulations, and statewide policies affecting seaports. (Seaport)

Port of Miami Intermodal: MONITOR any bills, rules, regulations, and statewide policies involving transportation intermodal issues including but not limited to major transportation improvement projects as defined in the State Strategic Intermodal System as it relates to and from the Port of Miami. (Seaport)

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Litter Law: SUPPORT legislation to amend the Florida Litter Law to require that the illegal dumping violation should result in the revocation of the driver's license, in addition to the current vehicle seizure provision. (Solid Waste)

Waste Tire Fee: SUPPORT legislation to ensure that grant monies derived from the Waste Tire Fee is distributed to counties in proportion to the revenue generated in each county. (Solid Waste)

Electronic Waste: OPPOSE legislation that places a disproportionate burden on local government for the segregation, collection and recycling and management of used electronics in the waste stream relative to other responsible parties, including the state, the electronics manufacturers and retailers, and private waste facilities. (Solid Waste)

Solid Waste User Fees: OPPOSE legislation requiring that Counties provide certain waste management services at no cost or at reduced cost and/or any legislation seeking to regulate user fees charged. (Solid Waste)

Waste-to-Energy: MONITOR legislation defining waste-to-energy as "renewable"; setting standards and providing incentives for purchase of power from renewable rather than non-renewable sources; adding additional incentives including the establishment of a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), tradable credits program, etc.; or preserving and/or enhancing existing legislation. (Solid Waste)

WATER AND SEWER

Water Reuse: SUPPORT legislation which would recognize reuse as a condition for the development of an Alternative Water Supply program. (WASD)

Water Law: SUPPORT existing Florida water law, existing legal uses and every other provision in the law that protects the state's water resources, including its authority to reserve water for the natural system. (WASD)

DEP Fines: SUPPORT legislation which would provide for greater flexibility by the Department of Environmental Protection in determining if administrative fines are to be assessed; while giving deference to the general operations of public utilities. (WASD)

Preemption of Local Control: OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local control. (WASD)

Cost Shift to Utilities: OPPOSE legislation that would place fiduciary burden on the utility to conduct any planning, studies, or reports that are outside of the normal facility expansion requirements. (WASD)

Lake Belt: OPPOSE legislation that would repeal or adversely amend the beneficial provisions contained in the 2006 legislation which relates to the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area. (WASD)

Alternative Water Supply: SUPPORT including goal based water conservation as a source for Alternative Water Supply funding. (WASD)

VIZCAYA

Vizcaya Donor Exemption (bill): SUPPORT legislation to exempt identifying information on current and prospective donors to certain publicly owned museum houses from public record laws. (Vizcaya)



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APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

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PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Carnival Center for the Performing Arts (grant)	\$2,500,000
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PARK AND RECREATION

Hidden Treasures of Tropical America at MetroZoo (CBIR)	\$2,000,000
Ludlam Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Project (CBIR)	\$500,000
Parks Open Space Master Plan (CBIR)	\$500,000
Camp Matecumbe Building Renovations (CBIR)	\$2,431,000
Science Comes to Life at MetroZoo's Dr. Wilde's World (CBIR)	\$547,955

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Miami River Federal Channel Dredging Project – shortfall advance (CBIR)	\$13,000,000
Miami River Federal Channel Dredging Project – final state match (CBIR)	\$800,000
C-103 Canal Outfalls retrofit (CBIR)	\$750,000
Amerihomes Drainage Improvement project (CBIR)	\$300,000

HOMELESS TRUST

Jail Diversion Program Gap Funding for 11th Circuit Pilot Project (CBIR)	\$500,000
Residential Treatment Beds for Dually-Diagnosed Homeless (CBIR)	\$479,610

HUMAN SERVICES

Respite Care for Homebound Elderly for In-Home Services (CBIR)	\$655,890
High Risk Nutritional Meals Program for Seniors (CBIR)	\$821,250

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) indigent care (recurring GR funds)	\$20,000,000
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PUBLIC WORKS

Illuminated Street Name Sign Program (DOT work plan)	\$6,500,000
Communications Subsystem Conversion Project (DOT work plan)	\$1,000,000
SunPass System for Rickenbacker and Venetian Toll Plazas (DOT work plan)	\$1,500,000
Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Conversion Project (DOT work plan)	\$1,000,000

FIRE RESCUE

Fire Boat “South” for Marine Operations Bureau (CBIR)	\$2,115,000
Support Helicopter for Fire Suppression and Flood Rescue (CBIR)	\$2,500,000
Personal Escape Equipment for Fire Fighters (CBIR)	\$1,000,000

<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$61,400,705
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BCC RESOLUTIONS FOR 2007

ALF Testing in Spanish and Creole: (R-728-06 Sosa) Resolution urging the State of Florida to provide testing for assisted living facilities administrators in Spanish and Creole.

Guardianship Program: (R-729-06 Sosa) Resolution urging the State of Florida to continue funding for the Guardianship Program of Dade County, Inc.

Delinquent Tangible Property Taxes: (R-1025-06 Heyman) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation providing tax collectors with additional tools to collect on delinquent tangible personal property taxes.

Service of Process Fees: (R-1026-06 Heyman) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation increasing the statutory fee for service of process to better reflect the actual cost of service of process.

Property Insurance Special Session: (R-1074-06 Martinez) Resolution urging the Governor or Senate President and House Speaker to call a Special Session of the Legislature and pass legislation addressing the property insurance crisis in Florida.

Affordable Housing Tax Credits: (R-1082-06 CMO) Resolution authorizing the County Manager to lobby the State of Florida and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to ensure Miami-Dade County is receiving the maximum amount of tax credits for the development of affordable housing projects in Miami-Dade County and authorizing the inclusion of this matter in the 2006-2007 legislative package.

Citizens Property Insurance Corp.: (R-1084-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend statutes creating the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to eliminate statutory limitations imposed on Citizens so as to allow Citizens to more broadly and fairly distribute risk throughout the state and reduce rates, and urging other affected communities to join Miami-Dade County regarding this initiative.

Alternative Assessment for Affordable Housing: (R-1339-06 Gimenez) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation, including a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment if necessary, to provide property appraisers statewide an alternative assessment approach for multifamily affordable housing properties.

Individual Home Rating System: (R-1336-06 Gimenez) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, and the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to develop and implement rating systems for homeowners insurance based on the relative risk of loss for each home to more precisely determine rates.

Cellular Phone/School Zone: (R-1337-06 Gimenez) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to prohibit the use of cellular telephones while driving in a school zone at times when reduced speeds are in effect.

Mentally Ill Inmates: (R-1338-06 Jordan) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to acknowledge the crisis that now exists related to Florida jails and mentally ill inmates; and reinstate programs and funding that have been cut in the past; develop and fund new programs to keep mentally ill individuals out of jail and treat mentally ill inmates; and appropriate substantially more funds for programs for the mentally ill.

Hate Crimes Against the Homeless: (R-1340-06 Moss) Resolution urging the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to add crimes against the homeless to existing hate crimes statutes.

Baseball Stadium: (R-1334-06 Diaz) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation providing a sales tax rebate or similar benefit related to the construction of a publicly-owned stadium for a major league baseball franchise in Miami-Dade County.

Property Insurance and Auto Insurance Issuance: (R-1335-06 Moss) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation requiring insurance companies that issue automobile insurance and other types of insurance policies in Florida to also issue homeowners insurance policies in Florida.

Property Tax Relief: (R-1447-06 Sosa) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact a joint resolution or series of joint resolutions proposing constitutional amendments for the 2008 general election providing comprehensive property tax relief that includes doubling the homestead exemption; allowing limited portability of the save our homes property tax differential; freezing the property taxes of low-income seniors; providing property tax relief for first-time homebuyers by phasing in the first taxable \$100,000 of assessed value over a four year time period; and capping property tax increases of non-homestead property, including rental and business properties.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors: (R-1448-06 Martinez) Resolution urging the State Legislature to allow for local governments to require carbon monoxide detectors in residential construction and directing County Manager to study and report to this board data or evidence which may support local amendment to the building code.

Save Our Homes Portability: (R-1449-06 Gimenez) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact a joint resolution placing a constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot that provides homeowners the ability to transfer the “Save Our Homes” assessed value in their present homestead properties to a less expensive replacement home.

JHS Funding: (R-1450-06 Sosa) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide Jackson Health System recurring general revenue funding.

Red Light Cameras: (R-1451-06) Gimenez resolution urging the Florida Legislature to allow the use of cameras at intersections with traffic signals in an effort to reduce red-light running and “blocking the box”.

Victims of Domestic Violence/Early Lease Termination: (R-1452-06 Heyman) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation amending chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes that would allow early termination of lease agreements by victims of domestic violence.

Guardrails: (R-1453-06 Souto) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, the South Florida Water Management District and other pertinent state departments to fund and install guardrails on highways adjoining canals and other waterways in heavily-traveled areas and in expressway medians.

In-State Tuition for Undocumented Children: (R-1454-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation allowing undocumented children who have graduated from high school in Florida to pay in-state tuition to attend a Florida college or university.

Civil Rights Restoration for Felons: (R-1455-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Governor-elect promptly upon taking office to issue an executive order automatically restoring civil rights, including the right to vote, to convicted felons who have completed their sentences; and further urging the Florida Legislature to place a constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot removing the ban on felons voting who have not had their civil rights restored.

Sadowski Act Cap Repeal: (R-1456-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation removing the cap on the state housing trust fund.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits: (R-1457-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to prioritize preservation of existing affordable housing in its distribution of low income housing tax credits.

Equal Rights Amendment: (R-1458-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to ratify the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SFRTA Dedicated Funding Source: (R-1459-06 Barreiro) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation that would provide an annual dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

Ocean Lifeguards/Special Risk FRS: (R-1460-06 Jordan) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation providing special risk retirement benefits to public employees in the Florida Retirement System working as ocean lifeguards.

Youth Violence: (R-1461-06 Jordan) Resolution urging the Governor and the Florida Legislature to prioritize reducing youth violence and to make significant programmatic and budgetary commitments to curb youth violence.

Rape Crisis Center Funding: (R-1462-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to fund rape crisis centers with \$4 million in recurring revenue.

Coastal and Everglades Land Acquisition: (R-1463-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to fund land acquisition for coastal and remnant everglades wetlands in south Miami-Dade County that connect Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park.

311 System: (R-1464-06 Martinez) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact a grant program for 311 non-emergency police and other government services telephone systems.

Empty Nest Portability: (R-1465-06 Sorenson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to place a constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot providing homeowners age 55 and older or who are totally and permanently disabled a one-time transfer of the “Save Our Homes” assessed value in their present homestead properties to smaller, less expensive replacement homes in the same county within one year of the sale.

Forensic Employees FRS Credits: (R-1466-06 Martinez) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation permitting forensic employees of medical examiner offices and law enforcement agencies to purchase additional retirement credits to upgrade their previous service in the Florida Retirement System to special risk service and authorizing but not requiring employers to purchase upgraded credit on behalf of such employees.

Ban Shackles in Youth Courtrooms: (R-1468-06 Edmonson) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation banning the use of indiscriminate chains and shackles on detained children in juvenile courtrooms; and establishing a presumption of no chains or shackles absent a showing of risk to self or others.

Motorcycle Helmet Law: (R-1469-06 Jordan) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to reinstate the motorcycle helmet law or alternatively to pass legislation increasing the personal injury insurance requirements for those riders who choose not to wear helmets.

Rental Housing Tax Deferral: (R-1470-06 Jordan) Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation allowing for a deferral of a portion of property taxes on rental properties used for affordable housing until the property is sold or the use is changed.